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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN IVORY COAST

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN IVORY COAST. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. EXPANSION OF IVORY COAST ROLE IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS
AND OF SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

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-- MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-
BOIGNY, INFORMING HIM OF US INITIATIVES IN AREAS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST, SHARING WITH HIM OUR VIEWS ON MAJOR
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AFFECTING AFRICA AND
THE THIRD WORLD, AND ELICITING HIS INSIGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

-- ASCERTAIN AND REPORT ON IVORIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE

NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND IVORIAN REACTIONS TO POSITIONS
TAKEN BY THE U.S. ON THESE ISSUES.

-- EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH IVORY COAST OFFICIALS ON ISSUES

OF INTEREST TO THE US IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, AND ENCOURAGE
SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS.

-- FOCUS ANALYTICAL REPORTING ON THE INTRA-AFRICAN
POLITICAL-ECONOMIC TIES OF HOST GOVERNMENT AS THEY
RELATE TO U.S. INTERESTS.

II. IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP.

-- ENCOURAGE INCREASED BILATERAL ECONOMIC LINKS
AND U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IVORY COAST.

-- SUPPORT U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS IN IVORY COAST
THROUGH CONTACTS WITH SENIOR IVORIAN ECONOMIC OFFICIALS
TO ASSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF U.S. FIRMS. HELP U.S.
FIRMS ADAPT TO PREVAILING PRIORITIES AND PROCEDURES.

-- MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE ON COFFEE, COCOA, AND OTHER
COMMODITY ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

II,. MAINTENANCE OF IVORY COAST RESISTANCE TO SOVIET
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AND CUBAN INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION OF
PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

-- ENCOURAGE HOUPHOUET'S LEADERSHIP AMONG MODERATE NATIONS
IN AFRICA TO OPPOSE INCREASED SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE.

-- ENCOURAGE HOUPHOUET'S MODERATE APPROACH TO THE
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SEEK HIS SUPPORT FOR US,
BRITISH AND OTHER WESTERN INITIATIVES IN THAT AREA.

IV. INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICIES AND DEEPENED CULTURAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- MAINTAIN AND FOSTER THE HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENT IN
IVORY COAST FOR THE LARGE US OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE PRESENCE.
IN THE ABSENCE OF A BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, SEEK PROGRAMS
WHICH WILL INCREASE THE BENEFITS OF THIS PRESENCE TO
IVORY COAST.

-- FOCUS ANALYTICAL REPORTING ON THE POLITICO-ECONOMIC
STRUCTURES OF IVORY COAST, THEIR LIKELY DURABILITY
FOLLOWING HOUPHOUET'S DEMISE, AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF

CONTINUING HOSPITALITY TOWARDS US INTERESTS.

-- ENCOURAGE HIGH-LEVEL US VISITS.

-- UTILIZE USIS INFORMATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS TO
INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR AMERICAN
SOCIETY, INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURE. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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